

For information on becoming a *Physical Therapist Assistant* see **Sources of additional information** within this brochure.

For information on youth employment opportunities, contact a career counselor at your high school or employment counselor or job and information center coordinator at your local NH Employment Security Office.

Berlin (752-5500)

151 Pleasant Street, P.O. Box 159, 03570-0159

Claremont (543-3111)

404 Washington Street, P.O. Box 180, 03743-0180

Concord (228-4100)

10 West Street, P.O. Box 1140, 03302-1140

Conway (447-5924)

518 White Mountain Highway, 03818-4205

Keene (352-1904)

109 Key Road, 03431-3926

Laconia (524-3960)

426 Union Avenue, Suite 3, 03246-2894

Lebanon (448-6340)

85 Mechanic Street, 03766-1506

Littleton (444-2971)

646 Union Street, Suite 100, 03561-5314

Manchester (627-7841)

300 Hanover Street, 03104-4957

Nashua (882-5177)

6 Townsend West, 03063-1217

Portsmouth (436-3702)

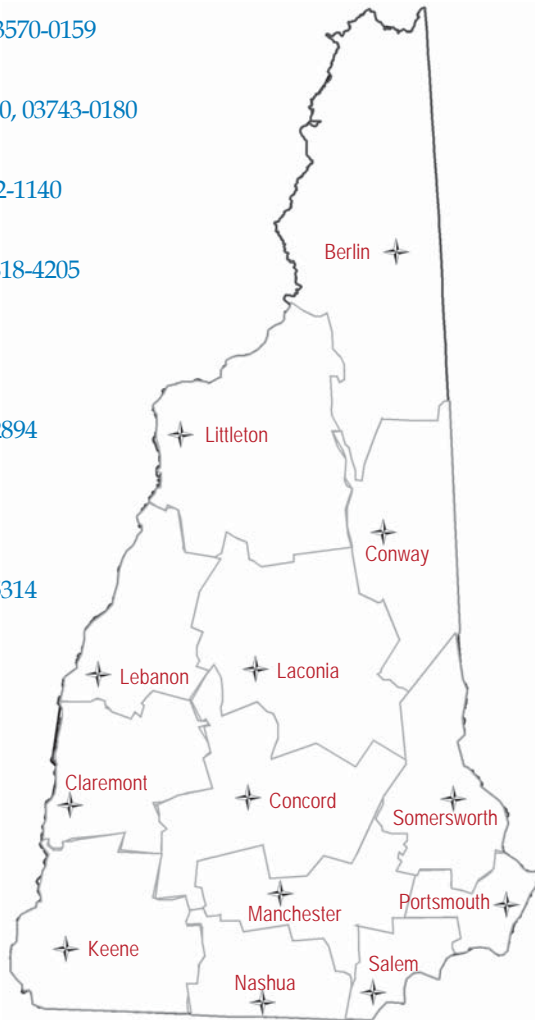
2000 Lafayette Road, 03801-5673

Salem (893-9185)

29 South Broadway, 03079-3026

Somersworth (742-3600)

6 Marsh Brook Drive, 03878-1595



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New Hampshire Employment Security
Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau
32 South Main Street, Concord, NH 03301-4857

Phone: (603) 228-4124, E-mail: elmi@nhes.nh.gov, Web site: www.nh.gov/nhes/elmi

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So, you want to be a ...



Physical Therapist Assistant

Health Science

Projected to be among the fastest growing occupations
(New Hampshire Occupational Projections, 2006-2016)

Here are a few things
you should know.



Your gateway to New Hampshire workforce and career information



**You'll want to
know a few things
about this career**

Average Hourly Wage
\$20.36

**Expected 10 year
Growth**
40%

**Average Annual
Openings**

14
(Total Employment 268)

**Training/Education
Needed**

Associate's Degree,
Vocational School or
Military Training
License required to practice
within NH. See Physical
Therapy Assistant Programs
available in NH at
[http://nhnetwork.nhes.
state.nh.us/nhnetwork/](http://nhnetwork.nhes.state.nh.us/nhnetwork/)
(NHNetwork)

Basic Skills

Reading, listening,
speaking, math, science

Job Skills

Strong interpersonal
skills, a desire to help
people, and moderate
physical strength.
(Also Speaking,
instructing, reading
comprehension,
active listening,
monitoring, social
perceptiveness, service
orientation, time
management, writing,
critical thinking, and
active learning)

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Tasks

Source: O*Net Online

1. Instruct, motivate, safeguard and assist patients as they practice exercises and functional activities.
2. Observe patients during treatments to compile and evaluate data on patients' responses and progress, and report to physical therapist.
3. Confer with physical therapy staff or others to discuss and evaluate patient information for planning, modifying, and coordinating treatment.
4. Transport patients to and from treatment areas, lifting and transferring them according to positioning requirements.
5. Secure patients into or onto therapy equipment.
6. Administer active and passive manual therapeutic exercises, therapeutic massage, and heat, light, sound, water and electrical modality treatments, such as ultrasound.
7. Communicate with or instruct caregivers and family members on patient therapeutic activities and treatment plans.
8. Measure patients' range-of-joint motion, body parts, and vital signs to determine effects of treatments or for patient evaluations.
9. Monitor operation of equipment and record use of equipment and administration of treatment.
10. Fit patients for orthopedic braces, prostheses, and supportive devices, such as crutches.

**Interests
(Holland Code)**

SIR

(Social, Investigative,
Realistic)

Interest Area
Health Science

Working Conditions
Comfortable, well
lighted clean environ-
ment

Average Work Week
Hours/days vary
depending upon the
facility and whether
they are full- or part-
time. (Some may work
weekends and evenings)

**Sources of Additional
Information**

NH Employment Security
(Contact office nearest
you or go online to
www.nh.gov/nhes/)

American Physical Therapy
Association
1111 No. Fairfax Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
www.apta.org

NH American Physical
Therapy Association
15 North River Road
Tolland, CT 06084
www.nhapta.org